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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-16161-2025
Date of Decision:01.04.2025**

LOVELY MASIH

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Harpreet S. Rakhra, Advocate &
Ms. Gurvinder Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner had filed the present petition under Section 482 BNSS with a prayer to grant of anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.42 dated 27.08.2024, under Sections 132, 221, 262, 263, 190 of BNS registered at Police Station Mattewal, District Amritsar.

2. A short reply by way of an affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police Sub-Division Majitha, Amritsar (Rural) has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State and the same is taken on record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was neither named in the FIR nor there was any credible evidence to show that the petitioner was associated with the crime in any manner. He further contends that even the heroin weighing 4.49 grams was recovered from Lakhwinder Singh, co-accused. By relying upon the orders Annexures P-2 to P-4, learned counsel



submits that similarly placed co-accused namely Anoop Maish, Dalbir and Ranjit @ Randeep have already been admitted to bail by this Court. He further contends that Harmesh Masih, co-accused has also been admitted to bail by this Court.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner. However, he is not in a position to dispute the fact that the similarly placed co-accused have been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In the present case, the petitioner is a first offender and has no criminal antecedents. Similarly placed co-accused Anoop Maish, Dalbir and Ranjit @ Randeep have been admitted to bail by this Court vide Annexures P-2 to P-4.

7. Thus, without commenting any further, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail, subject to the conditions as provided under Sections 482 (2) of B.N.S.S. It will be open for the Investigating Officer to call the petitioner to join the investigation, if so required, by issuing a written notice in this regard and they shall abide by the conditions mentioned in Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S.

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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No